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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 9, 1998

APPLICATION OF

GTE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
OF VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC980080

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity
to provide local exchange
telecommunications service

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On May 27, 1998, GTE Communications Corporation of Virginia ("GTE Communications" or "Applicant") filed an application with the Commission, seeking authority for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") to provide local exchange telecommunications service throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Applicant and GTE South Incorporated, currently the holder of a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services in Virginia, are separate legal entities, each being a subsidiary of GTE Corporation.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that GTE Communications' application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give notice to the public of its application; that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the

application and present its findings in a Staff report; and that a public hearing should be convened to receive evidence relevant to GTE Communications' application for a certificate to provide local exchange service.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC980080.

(2) Copies of the Applicant's application shall be made available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or can be ordered from the Company's counsel, David W. Clarke, Esquire, Mezzullo & McCandlish, P.O. Box 796, Richmond, Virginia 23218-0796.

(3) A public hearing for the purpose of receiving evidence relevant to GTE Communications' application for a certificate to provide local exchange service is scheduled for September 16, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

(4) On or before July 24, 1998, the Applicant shall complete publication of the following notice, to be published as classified advertising in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
GTE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUC980080

On May 27, 1998, GTE Communications Corporation of Virginia ("GTE Communications" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") to provide local exchange telecommunications service throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. GTE South Incorporated is currently the holder of a certificate to provide local telephone service in certain geographic areas of Virginia. GTE Communications and GTE South are separate legal entities, each being a subsidiary of GTE Corporation.

A public hearing on the Company's application will be convened on September 16, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, to hear evidence relevant to the Company's application for a certificate to provide competitive local exchange service.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or can be ordered from the Company's counsel, David W. Clarke, Esquire, Mezzullo & McCandlish, P.O. Box 796, Richmond, Virginia 23218-0796.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on GTE Communications' application may do so by directing such comments on or

before August 14, 1998, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed below. Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing concerning the Company's application need only appear in the Commission's second floor courtroom at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself as a public witness to the Commission's Bailiff.

Any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceedings, as a Protestant pursuant to Commission Rule 4:6 should promptly obtain a copy of the Order for Notice and Hearing from the Clerk of the Commission for full details of the procedural schedule and instructions on participation in this proceeding.

Individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at least seven days before the scheduled hearing date at 1-800-552-7945 (voice) or 1-804-371-9206 (TDD).

All written communications to the Commission concerning GTE Communications' application should be directed to William J. Bridge, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and must refer to Case No. PUC980080.

GTE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA

(5) On or before July 24, 1998, the Applicant shall give notice of its application to each local exchange telephone carrier certificated in Virginia by personal delivery or first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business or residence of the person served. A current list of those

carriers and their addresses is attached as Appendix A to this order.

(6) On or before July 30, 1998, the Applicant shall prefile with the Commission an original and twenty (20) copies of any additional direct testimony it intends to present at the public hearing. Copies of said additional testimony shall also be served on any person who files a Notice of Protest.

(7) On or before August 7, 1998, any person desiring to participate as a Protester as defined in Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules") shall file an original and twenty (20) copies of a Notice of Protest, as provided in Rule 5:16(a), and shall serve a copy of the same on GTE Communications' counsel, David W. Clarke, Esquire, Mezzullo & McCandlish, P.O. Box 796, Richmond, Virginia 23218-0796.

(8) Any person desiring to comment in writing on GTE Communications' application for a certificate to provide local exchange service may do so by directing such comments on or before August 14, 1998, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Comments must refer to Case No. PUC980080. Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing concerning the application for a certificate for local exchange service need only appear in the Commission's second floor courtroom at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing

and identify himself or herself to the Bailiff as a public witness.

(9) Any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a Protestant pursuant to Rule 4:16 shall file on or before August 20, 1998, an original and twenty (20) copies of its Protest with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above, referring to Case No. PUC980080, and shall on the same day mail a copy thereof to the Company's counsel at the address identified above, and to any other Protestants. The Protest shall set forth (i) a precise statement of the interest of the Protestant in the proceeding; (ii) a full and clear statement of the facts which the Protestant is prepared to prove by competent evidence; and (iii) a statement of the specific relief sought and the legal basis therefor. Any corporate entity that wishes to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate as a Protestant must be represented by legal counsel in accordance with the requirement of Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules.

(10) On or before August 20, 1998, each Protestant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and twenty (20) copies of the prepared testimony and exhibits the Protestant intends to present at the hearing, and shall on the same day, mail a copy of the prepared testimony and exhibits to

counsel for GTE Communications and other Protestants. Service upon counsel for GTE Communications shall be made at the address set forth above.

(11) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of GTE Communications' application and present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before September 3, 1998.

(12) On or before September 3, 1998, if necessary, the Commission Staff may file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and twenty (20) copies of any prepared testimony and exhibits it intends to present at the public hearing. A copy of the Staff's direct testimony shall be mailed to the counsel for the Applicant and to each Protestant.

(13) On or before September 10, 1998, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and twenty (20) copies of any testimony it expects to introduce in rebuttal to any direct prefiled testimony of Staff and Protestants. A copy of the rebuttal testimony shall be mailed to Staff and each Protestant by overnight delivery.

(14) At the commencement of the hearing scheduled herein, GTE Communications shall provide to the Commission proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (4) and (5) herein.

(15) The Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within ten (10) business days after the receipt

of the same. Protestant shall provide to the applicant, other Protestants and Staff, any work papers or documents used in preparation of their prefiled testimony, promptly upon request. Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Rules.